

July 13, 2010

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon
Minister of Foreign Affairs
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

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Dear Minister Cannon:

Re: The human right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation

The Canadian Union of Public Employees has been informed that Bolivia has presented a draft resolution to the United Nations General Assembly declaring the right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation. This resolution will be tabled at the end of July and is currently being discussed in various informal meetings at the UN.

Adopting this resolution would be a significant step towards improving the lives of millions of people around the globe. CUPE, along with our sister unions affiliated with Public Services International and in partnership with hundreds of civil society organizations strongly support this initiative.

We ask that you please immediately contact your mission in New York to support this resolution and to consider being a co-sponsor. We urge your mission staff to attend the meetings that are scheduled over the next week.

Yours truly,



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National President

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